



Safety in your building

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Peppermint Heights,
Northwick Road,
Alperton,
HA9

Dear residents,

Design team appointed and fire test of proposed solution required

We last wrote to let you know that we're appointing a design team for this project. We're pleased to say we have now appointed the following partners:

- **Philip Pank Partnership:** project manager, contractor administrator, cost control, CDM principal designer (CDM is the Construction – Design and Management Regulations), clerk of work.
- **ECD Architects:** architect and lead designer. They will also appoint the following services:
 - structural engineer
 - landscape architect
 - energy consultant
 - 3D laser survey.
- **International Fire Consultants:** fire engineer
- **Brent Building Control:** advising on Building Regulations requirements.

Fire test required

Alongside this, we've continued to work towards reaching a solution with the original contractor. As part of this work, our fire engineer has recommended that we carry out a fire test on the proposed solution. In a lab we will build a replica of the external wall system and the proposed solution to remedy the external wall issues, and we will then set fire to it in laboratory conditions. This will allow us to see if the proposed solution will contain a fire adequately within a 30-minute timeframe – this is the time required during a normal fire for the fire brigade to attend.

We've also recently carried out a fire test for the proposed solution of the neighbouring building Grand Union Heights, so we know exactly what is required to get this fire test completed.

Further support

We'll update you every three months. If you need further support, you can:

- Go to the London Fire Brigade's website, which is offering a free online tool which guides you through a fire risk assessment of your home (home visits are available for more vulnerable residents): <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/>
- View resources which may help: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/buildingsafetyresources/>
- Check our document library for your building's letters and documents – it takes a little while to load: <https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/peppermintbuildingsafety/>
- Get in touch with us on customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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A summary of this letter

We've appointed our design team to support us as we progress with a solution.

We need to carry out a fire test to ensure the solution adequately contains the spread of fire. This will take place in a laboratory.

A reminder

Your building's fire strategy is **simultaneous evacuation**, which means you must evacuate if you hear the fire alarm, even if you think it is a false alarm.